

Fast-Track Insights on World Hunger

Selections From the National Agricultural Library

A burgeoning array of websites, books, scientific research articles, and other print and electronic sources provide facts, figures, and perspectives on the global fight to end world hunger. Reference librarian Felecia Tyler of the Agricultural Research Service's National Agricultural Library in Beltsville, Maryland, and Washington, D.C., offers these recommendations for viewing, listening, and blogging.

Feeding Minds, Fighting Hunger: A World Without Hunger

www.feedingminds.org

Describing itself as an “international classroom for exploring the problems of hunger, malnutrition, and food insecurity,” this multilingual, kid-friendly site from the American Federation of Teachers and 10 humanitarian organizations provides classroom materials, suggestions for student activities, overviews of projects undertaken in 19 countries, and more, created especially for K-12 students and their teachers.

World Food Programme: Hunger

wfp.org/hunger

Crisp, clean, and easy to navigate, this site presents statistics, frequently asked questions, and a look at the goals of this organization—the world's largest anti-hunger agency. Blog via Friends of the World Food Program at friendsofwfp.typepad.com.

World Bank Millennium Development Goals: Goal 1 Data

tinyurl.com/lkstud

Browse these pages to learn more about the financial and technical assistance—aimed at fighting poverty and hunger—that the Washington, D.C.-based World Bank provides to developing countries.

International Food Policy Research Institute

ifpri.org/data/data_menu.asp

Policy papers, project reports, data sets, and a Global Hunger Index developed by the researchers at this renowned institute are easy to find at their knowledge-rich site. Those interested in policy will want to visit Blog World Hunger at ifpriblog.org.

Household Food Security in the United States, 2008

ers.usda.gov/briefing/foodsecurity

Regarded as the most authoritative federal compilation of statistics on food insecurity in America, this overview from USDA's Economic Research Service shows that at times during 2008, Americans in 15 percent of the nation's households reported not having adequate food. “USDA Study Shows Hunger on the Rise in U.S.,” a National Public Radio Talk of the Nation broadcast, provides commentary at tiny.cc/hunger437.

Addressing Global Hunger and Poverty Through Agricultural Development

tiny.cc/SRUU4

Experts in agricultural research and food aid discuss efforts to improve the lives of smallholder farmers in Africa and Asia during this 2-hour webcast, sponsored by the University of California-Berkeley and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

National Agricultural Library Database of Articles on World Hunger

tinyurl.com/DNAL-WorldHungerArticles

Updated regularly, this substantial database provides citations for nearly 1,700 journal articles on world hunger.

World Hunger Books in the National Agricultural Library

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Citations for more than 700 noteworthy books on world hunger appear here, with additions made on an ongoing basis.